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LARGE AREA OF COAL LANDS CHANGES HANDS

New Owners Will Make Huge Game Reserve Out of Tract—Mining Camps Likely to be Located and Property Developed.

From the Raton Range.

It is learned from a reliable source that the large area of coal land lying on both sides of the Colorado—New Mexico line between Trinidad and Raton, which has recently come into the possession of the Wooten Land company through the efforts of J. A. Owenby, of Boulder, Colo., and in which J. Pierpont Morgan and other Eastern capitalists are said to be directly interested, is to be made into one of the largest hunting reserves in this part of the United States. Work will be started at once enclosing the land by a heavy barbed wire fence that will keep in the game already there, after which additional game will be purchased by the owners.

Mr. Owenby, at his home in Boulder, stated recently that the purposes of the purchasers are as follows: First, the tract is to be made into a game reserve; second, the coal mines are to be developed; and third, the property was obtained as an investment.

Mr. Owenby was not at liberty to give the sum that it has cost the company for the tract of land, but said that it had been large, due to legal

steps that have been taken in order to secure clear titles.

Speaking of the game reserve feature, he said that the lay of the land which in many places is rough and rugged and covered with a thick growth of timber, makes it an excellent place for hunting, and that already numerous black-tail deer, turkeys, bobcat, a few bear, and other game are there, and that as soon as the tract can be thoroughly inclosed with a game-proof fence the area will be further stocked and it should make one of the best hunting places in the United States.

As to what might be done in regard to developing the coal feature of the land, Mr. Owenby said it has not been definitely decided, but that from prospecting work already done there is little doubt but that at least 50 per cent of the land is as good coal land as can be found in Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico. Already surveys are in the field and some boring will probably be done soon in locating mining camps, should the company decide to develop the coal industry extensively.

Recent Storms a Benefit to Ranchmen

The unprecedented fall of snow and rain the past few days has made the ranchers of Colfax county feel like princes. While it is true that fruit is killed, and that even the largest producers will have practically no crop, it yet remains a fact that every ranchman and farmer in this portion of the territory will harvest the greatest crops of grain, alfalfa and every other agricultural product, ever known in the history of the country. Grass, which is now starting rapidly, will have more moisture than for years, and stock will be in better condition than ever. The mild winter just past has been exceptionally favorable for stock of all kinds, and except for the effect on calves and lambs, during the severe weather just ended, the stockman have a great deal to be thankful for. Now, is the time the numerous irrigation systems are put

in good condition to receive the flood waters, and the new projects are carried out successfully. Colfax county agriculture and stock raising will keep a close second to her marvelous coal mining industry.

WILD FRUIT CROP RUINED

People coming in from the mountains say that the freezing weather and bad storms during April have killed almost the entire wild fruit crop. They say there will be no plums and if any berries at all they will be very scarce. The loss of this class of fruit will mean more than a great many would suppose, for many people living in the mountains seldom get any of the tame fruits and depend entirely on the wild varieties for use when they are ripe and to put up in various ways for winter.—Springer Stockman.

From the Mines to the Smelters

It is again reported that the El Paso & Southwestern Railroad company has purchased the 59 miles of track between Santa Rosa and Tucumcari of the Rock Island and that the El Paso & Southwestern will commence operating that property on July 1. If this report be true, the Southwestern will have, on and after July 1, a continuous line from the Dawson coal mines to the Douglas smelters, a distance of more than 450 miles.

Great inconvenience has been experienced in getting coal and coke over this 59 miles of track owned and operated by the Rock Island. Several surveys were made by the Southwestern people from Dawson to points on the Southwestern between Corona and Santa Rosa and it has been published at different times within the past year that a new line would be constructed by way of Las Vegas.

The purchase of the road between Santa Rosa and Tucumcari would indicate that the project of building a new line had been abandoned.

It would change the terminus of the Rock Island from Santa Rosa to Tucumcari and would necessitate making Tucumcari a division point.

Folsom Notes.

Miss Lucy Creighton has moved into the parsonage.

Mrs. King and daughter returned from Texas Tuesday.

B. F. Owen is spending a few days in Trinidad and Raton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rankin were down from the "Poor Farm" Friday shopping and visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Floyd were down from the Mesa to attend the social Friday night and also lodge Saturday night.

The Knights of Pythias held a sheet and pillow case social at the hall Friday evening. The proceeds amounted to about \$15.

Rev. Grimmel was up last Sunday from Clayton and preached both morning and evening.

The K. of P. have a new piano in their lodge room.

Miss Lula Story, who has been with Mrs. Owen for the past year, expects to go to Raton Sunday.

Mr. Joe Wamsley, from Missouri, is spending a few days with his grandmother, Mrs. Owen, and other relatives.

The C. M. A. Star lodge will give a dance the first of June which promises to be one of the big events of the season. The boys are making great preparations and say they will invite everyone and gladden their hearts with lemonade, strawberries and ice cream and a fine supper.

COLFAX COUNTY CONCERN GETS A BIG CONTRACT

S. E. Pelphey, manager of the Cimarron Construction company, of Cimarron, was in town the latter part of the week. He reports that his company has recently secured some very large contracts for buildings of various kinds all over the territory. In addition to doing a great deal toward the rapid building of the town of Cimarron, the Construction company business in other portions of New Mexico. One of the recent contracts secured by Mr. Pelphey is the building of a lodge, dining room and hotel for the El Paso & Southwestern railroad at Clouderoff. The building is to cost \$14,000, and is to be built at once.

ZINC ORES IN LARGE BODIES IN THE RED RIVER DISTRICT

On account of the greater demand and higher prices for zinc, the large bodies of zinc ores in this district is attracting considerable attention in some of the cities in the middle states. Among the number is the Bartlett at the mouth of the COLUMBIA owned by J. T. Heathman and Kansas City parties. This property carries high in zinc as well as copper and other metals. It is no small lead and the extent of the lead has not yet been determined. This is only one of the many properties in the district that carry zinc in paying quantities.—Red River Prospector.

News Notes From Springer Stockman

Dr. and Mrs. S. Locke visited in Raton last week.

Merchants say business in all lines is improving.

Hugo Seaberg was in town yesterday from Raton.

A. L. Harmon and wife spent a portion of last week at Dawson.

Santa Fe Agent Elliott of Colmar, was in Springer Tuesday on business. The dry farmer has no kick coming so far.

The heating stove was again this week looked upon as a friend indeed. The public schools of this city closed Thursday afternoon.

Two April storms furnishing abundance of moisture ought to be good.

Miss Bessie Hatcher is improving nicely from the results of a recent accident.

May be able to put up ice yet. We can't tell what May may be since April was so winterish.

The ball at the opera house last Saturday evening was a nice social affair and well attended.

Deputy Sheriff Wright drove over to Mora Tuesday on business, returning home late Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Earl Brown and son James came down from Dawson Thursday, returning home yesterday.

George E. Crocker has bought a ranch near Wagon Mound and will move his family down there soon.

The last day of April, 1907, snow

lay upon the ground. Quite a record for this country, but we have a record for making records.

The coal man seems to be yet exercising his nerve by infringing on the ice man's territory. The ice man hopes to get even with him this fall.

Ratnel Romero, prominent, able and respected citizen, whose home is at Mora, was in Springer Thursday and yesterday on business and shaking hands with his many friends.

L. E. Allred and little daughter Helen came up Tuesday from Roy, and expect to remain a few days in the city, during which time L. E. has charge of the office of the Florsheim Mercantile Co.

R. E. Allred and C. E. Hortenstein left Tuesday for Logansport, Indiana, where they are called as witnesses in a case in which the Florsheim Mercantile company is interested. They expect to be absent from the city about ten days.

A reception was given in the K. of P. hall Thursday evening for the teachers of the public schools at which there was quite an attendance. Refreshments in the line of ice cream, coffee and cake were served.

Wm. Holmes will leave tomorrow for Denver where Monday he will join an excursion party of the Northern Pacific for Calgary, Canada. He expects to be absent about three weeks spending two weeks at least of that time in Canada.

A Sunday at Grigsby's Station

J. E. House

I spent last Sunday back at Grigsby's Station. In the memory of every man who gravitates from the clean dirt to paved streets there is a Grigsby's Station and most of them pretend to love it. I don't. Frankly I hate Grigsby's Station. I hate the squat, plebeian orniness of the town, its old wooden awnings, its decrepid buildings falling into decay and its background of debris and tin cans. I hate its narrow, jaundiced view of life, its unshaven, uncouth men and its gossip, slatternly women. I hate its meddling and its tendency to sit in judgment on the affairs of others. The atmosphere of Grigsby's Station is very religious. Seven months in the year they hold revival services at the churches. They put in the other five baptizing the converts. They talk about the moral atmosphere of the town and boast that it never had a saloon. And yet during the past twenty years I've known a hundred strong, useful young men in the town who went to hell through drink, and I've known a hundred girls who went wrong because the town was so busy saving souls that it had no time to provide the clean, simple diversions beloved by youth, or point the way to a higher plane of living. Sunday begins early at Grigsby's Station. I tumbled down stairs to a late breakfast to find the Neighbor woman who teaches a class in the Sunday school holding converse with the Family. She had dropped in to find out why the Family had gone to a show at the "opry house" the night before instead of going to hear the presiding elder preach. She noted also that the Family had been irregular in its attendance on Sunday school and pressed it for a reason. I do not go about much in Grigsby's Station, but my cigar case had run low and I went up town to replenish it. The center of activity up town was in front of the livery stable, where twenty or thirty men, most of whom needed a shave and a clean shirt were grouped. In the barber shop a hot game of checkers was in progress. A little farther up the street a man came out of the butcher shop with a roll of meat under his arm. As I walked back the bus went by on its way to the noon train. After dinner Mrs. Shank Reeves came over to sit awhile. Mrs. Reeves was much perturbed. One of the Slot girls had married one of the Peck boys, somewhat unexpectedly it appeared, the previous evening and Mrs. Reeves was in a flutter of excitement to learn whether it was a "military" wedding. She was also shocked because people were spending money at the "opry house" which should have gone to the preacher. I left the house again to shut out the memory of Mrs. Reeves. Four girls, none of them more than 16, came down the street past the hotel and peeked in. They had hoped to find a traveling man, but there was none hanging about the hotel office and the girls went on to Epworth League. I continued my walk. On a back lot four men were pitching horse shoes. A little farther on Ed Simons' dog had chased a cat up a tree and was holding it. Just beyond the school house grounds I ran into and disturbed a fence corner poker game. I got back in time to join the crowd on its way to see the 4:38 train come in. At the train there was great excitement. Somebody had broken a window pane in the waiting room of the station and a young couple who were reputed to have become

LARGE COPPER FIND IN CIMARRON CANON

Discoveries of Rich Copper Ore Recently Made by Peter Larsen Prove to be of Great Value—Region to be Thoroughly Developed.

One of the most important mineral discoveries ever made in New Mexico was that made by Peter Larsen in the Cimarron canon about twenty miles west of here some ten days ago. The point at which the discovery was made is in a small side canon about a hundred feet from the right-of-way of the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific railway. At a depth of only five feet Mr. Larsen discovered a large body of virgin copper ore that runs rich in the metal, and he is now engaged in sinking on the ore to discover its full volume.

That the find is an important one cannot be doubted, for its proximity to the railroad and its evident richness render it easy of access for shipping purposes. Many prospectors have visited the place and pronounce the find one of the most promising in New Mexico. It has been known for years that the mountains west of Cimarron were rich in mineral deposit, copper predominating, but until the construction of the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific railway penetrated the mineral section and made it possible to make shipments, little was done in the way of development work. Now that ample shipping facilities are offered and plans are well under way for the establishment of a smelter at Cimarron, there is greater activity among prospectors and mine owners than ever before in the history of Colfax county. The find of Mr. Larsen is but an incident in the discoveries being made. Over on the Cimarronito creek a number of companies are at work, that is, daily developing the great body of low grade ore that lies but a short distance from the surface.

Wm. Rupert, who is interested with Charles Cipher, Mr. Perkins and a number of gentlemen from Muskogee, I. T., came down Saturday to lay in supplies. The company has a number of men at work on its four claims sixteen miles from here, and while the work being done is largely in the way of proving up, the showing is such that conclusively proves to the company that they are in sight of a large body of ore that will run 40 per cent

copper and about \$7 each of gold and silver to the ton. The main body of ore is about seventeen feet wide and in a formation of lime rock.

Mr. Florishheim, of Springer, was in Cimarron last week, and while he had much to say about the mineral prospects. He is greatly elated, because the new Cimarron & North-western railway when completed will run but a few hundred feet from a claim which he owns and will make it possible for him to operate successfully. He has done sufficient development work on his claims to satisfy himself that he has a large body of ore and he expects to put men to work at once to get the ore in shape for shipment.

The two things that were necessary to successful mineral operations in the Cimarron mountain—shipping facilities and smelter treatment—bid fair to overcome, and with those considerations, there is no reason why the entire mineral section west of here should not team with activity.

New claims are constantly being staked out, and while the late snows have interfered to some extent with the work, with good weather in sight, there is much to be expected in the way of active development. A gentleman who knows this country, but who has been interested in the Goldfield, Nev., field for about two years, was here last week and made the statement that he considered this district much more promising in the way of safe returns than the Goldfield, Nev., district. The Goldfield district has been full of sensations, he says, and while a number of rich strikes have been made, the reckless promotion of companies, that had nothing to offer the investor but barren rock, has done much to bring the entire district into disrepute. He says it requires but little knowledge of mining to locate large bodies of low grade ore here that will pay from the start. He has returned to Goldfield for the purpose of closing out his holdings there and return to Cimarron at once to begin active operations on mineral properties which he has acquired.

WESTINGHOUSE PEOPLE INVADING SOUTHERN COLORADO

The Westinghouse Electric company, which is supposed to be behind the recently formed Southern Colorado Power company, with a capital of \$10,000,000, has a three months' option on the Trinidad Electric Street Railway company, the Trinidad Electric Light & Power company, the Walsenburg Electric Light Plant and passenger service that the road will eventually be extended to Colorado Springs and Denver.

It is probable that if the new company takes up the options, as now seems likely, it will practically control

all of the electric power in Colorado, south of Pueblo.

One of the objects of the new company is said to be the extension of the Trinidad electric railroad to Walsenburg and from there to Pueblo, the line to be used for both freight and that the road will eventually be extended to Colorado Springs and Denver.

It is also said to be the intention of the new company to supply every camp in Las Animas and Huerfano counties with light and power and to extend car lines to many of the coal camps.

engaged were walking up and down the platform. When I got back to the house Mrs. Shipley was there. She had run over to borrow a little coffee for breakfast and to express her opinion of the widow Carver. Pretty soon the church bells rang. At 8 o'clock a dog barked suspiciously somewhere in the neighborhood. By 9 o'clock everybody was in bed. In the memory of every man who gravitates from clean dirt to paved streets there is a Grigsby's Station and most of them pretend to love it. I don't. I hate Grigsby's Station.

The county commissioners at their regular meeting on Monday, made arrangements with the National Bank of New Mexico to refund \$34,500 of the issue of 1897.

COAL LANDS CHANGE HANDS

Deeds to about 2,500 acres of coal land situated about 10 miles south of Trinidad, were filed with the county clerk in that city last Friday, showing that the property has been deeded by the Rocky Mountain Fuel & Iron company to the Wooten Land & Fuel company. It is stated that interests representing J. Pierpont Morgan are the purchasers, and that a syndicate of Santa Fe railway officials are interested in the deal.

The property in question is part of the old Maxwell land grant and lies near Raton pass, on the Trinidad side of the mountain and adjoins the Colorado Fuel & Iron company's property, near where an extensive coal mine is now being opened up.